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Re: Laboratory and Analytical Method Change Request- QAPP for the GWQMP  
Diamond Alkali Superfund Site Consent Decree – Newark, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Butler:

Tierra Solutions, Inc. (Tierra) is seeking approval to change analytical laboratories from CompuChem to Eurofins Spectrum Laboratory for analyses associated with the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Groundwater Monitoring Quality Management Plan (GWQMP) at the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (DASS). Eurofins Spectrum will analyze for all parameters except 2,3,7,8-TCDD, which will continue to be analyzed at Vista Analytical. USEPA previously approved Eurofins Spectrum to support the analytical needs of ongoing operation & maintenance at the on-site groundwater treatment system (GWTS).

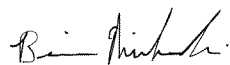
In addition, Tierra is seeking approval to update the analytical methods currently listed in the QAPP for GWQMP to the following:

Parameter	Current Method	Proposed Method
Volatile Organics	USEPA CLP SOM01.2	USEPA CLP SOM02.3
Metals	USEPA CLP ILM04.1	USEPA CLP ISM02.3

In a letter dated March 29, 2016 USEPA approved the interim use of the proposed methods for the analysis of influent and effluent samples from the GWTS.

If you have any questions, please contact me (732)-246-5920

Sincerely,



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